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1. DURING CONVERSATION OTHER MATTERS, FONMIN OFFICIAL
IN CHARGE EC-THIRD COUNTRY RELATIONS (JANSSEN) TOLD US
THAT ITALIANS HAVE INFORMALLY FLOATED COMPROMISE PROPOSAL
ON EC REGIONAL FUND. THEY SUGGEST THAT OF \$2,250 MILLION

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TOTAL, SOME 25 PERCENT BE ALLOCATED FOR MOST DEPRESSED
AREAS (JANSSEN MENTIONED MEZZOGIORNO, IRELAND,

SCOTLAND, AND SOUTHWEST FRANCE). HE THOUGHT THIS PROPOSAL MIGHT SERVE AS BASIS FOR COMPROMISE BETWEEN BRITISH AND GERMANS.

2. JANSSEN MENTIONED THAT BELGIAN EMBASSY LONDON REPORTED THAT LITTLE PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE IN APEL VISIT TO LONDON, SINCE APEL SEEMED TO HAVE NARROW INSTRUCTIONS WITH LITTLE FLEXIBILITY. HE COMMENTED WRYLY THAT HE SYMPATHIZED WITH GERMAN UNWILLINGNESS TO FOOT LARGE PART OF EC BILL SINCE BELGIUM ALSO NET LOSER IN EC FINANCES. PRIME MINISTER LEBURTON LAST FALL HAD INSTRUCTED MINISTERS TO OPPOSE ANY NEW EC MEASURES THAT WOULD INCREASE NET BELGIAN CONTRIBUTIONS TO EC PROGRAMS. IN FACT, HOWEVER, BELGIANS HAVE BEEN OBLIGED TO GO ALONG WITH DECISIONS INCURRING SUCH INCREASES. STRAUZ-HUPE

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